

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Orders: (1) Approving Certain Provisions of a Settlement Agreement Between Edison and Vulcan/BN Geothermal Power Company; Elmore, L.P.; Del Ranch, L.P.; and Leathers, L.P. and (2) Authorizing Edison's Recovery in Rates of Payment Made Pursuant to the Approved Provisions for Energy Delivered On and After January 1, 1996.

Application 96-08-029
(Filed August 13, 1996)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
ON MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Applicant moves for extension of a protective order that was granted in this proceeding on October 15, 1997, and has since been extended through October 2, 2002. The protective order dealt with a stipulation and agreement that applicant had reached with the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, and it covered two attachments (the Confidential Information), the contents of which had previously been granted confidential treatment. Edison states that disclosure of the attachments would place Edison and other California utilities at an unfair business disadvantage. There has been no opposition to this request.

Applicant's motion states grounds for a protective order under Pub. Util. Code § 583 and General Order 66-C and authority there cited. The motion is unopposed. A public hearing on the motion is unnecessary.

Good cause appearing, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The motion of applicant for a protective order is granted to the extent set forth below.

2. The Confidential Information in this proceeding originally placed under seal pursuant to Law and Motion Judge Ruling on October 15, 1997, shall remain under seal for a period of two years from the date of October 2, 2002, and during that period shall not be made accessible or disclosed to anyone other than Commission staff except (1) on the further order or ruling of the Commission, the Assigned Commissioner, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), or the ALJ then designated as Law and Motion Judge (which order shall only be entered after notice to Edison and an opportunity to be heard), or (2) upon execution of an appropriate nondisclosure agreement by the party to whom disclosure is made.

3. If applicant believes that further protection of this information is needed after two years, applicant may file a motion stating the justification for further withholding the information from public inspection, or for such other relief as the Commission rules may then provide. This motion shall be filed no later than 30 days before the expiration of this protective order.

Dated September 13, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GLEN WALKER

Glen Walker
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on Motion for Protective Order on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 13, 2000, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO

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